

## After Natural Gas Franchise Once More

There Will Be Two Applications to Council Ere Long. Forecasts Councillor Pegler, Who Asks Expression of Policy.

Forecasting a fight in the near future for a gas franchise, Coun. B. C. Pegler at the Council meeting Monday requested an expression of opinion as to whether the Council generally would favor an application by local or preference to outside parties.

He brought it up at the last minute however when arrangements had been made to adjourn until Saturday night when the Council generally would favor an application by local or preference to outside parties.

He elicited however in the brief comments made that the Council, while generally favoring a municipal gas well, was the impossibility of entering such a venture at this moment, was in favor of giving a franchise somewhat on the lines of the one given two years ago to the Western Canada Natural Gas Lighting and Heating Co.

In opening the subject Coun. Pegler declared that he personally was in favor of a municipal well, but could not see quite how it could be accomplished considering the present state of the money market. He had information of several propositions about to sink wells in Bassano in the early spring. Dr. Bunker who sank the well at Athabasca Landing had been attracted to Bassano by the possibility of discovering natural gas, and had made some inquiries as to whether the town would favor a franchise. The people too, had become interested and it was quite possible local company might desire to take hold of the project. He wondered therefore, and it might help materially in the near future if the Council would express an opinion as to whether they would favor a franchise to local or outside parties.

"Better wait till the proposition comes up," said Coun. Farnsworth who declared he was in favor of a gas franchise.

"We would all like to see a municipal well but I don't see how it could be very well managed just now," said Coun. Shop, who also said a great deal depended on the terms.

Coun. Pegler replied that better terms might be got than were secured the town under the old expired franchise.

It was agreed to leave over the discussion until Saturday night.

## Gleichen Gets Spoils For First Time in 4 Years

By defeating Bassano four to one on home ice Wednesday night, Gleichen won the championship of the Bow Valley League. Bassano has won outright the McArthur cup but is left down in its first attempt at the Ashdown Shield.

This shield belongs to the property of the Club which wins it two seasons hand-ringing.

Bassano poured its crowds into Gleichen but in spite of the strong support the team went down to clean and honorable defeat. The ice was in excellent condition, and the home team seized every advantage. Barker refereed the game with a firm hand.

## Fire Brigade Is Organized

At a meeting in the Town Hall Tuesday night the Volunteer Fire Brigade was organized and arrangements made for a meeting for Feb. 26th, next to consider the framing of suitable by-laws.

The brigade is now comprised of Chief Cline, P. J. Barry, Assistant chief, Dr. A. G. Scott, B. T. Gray, J. E. Pieren, Claude McClary, Lew Owens, R. Newman, J. Bennett, and E. H. Blair. Chief Cline was in the chair at the meeting when he was elected Chief, and Lew Owens as secretary. A strong resolution asking council to install an alarm bell immediately, was passed while the council will also be petitioned, to provide suitable uniforms for the protection of the volunteer's clothes during a fire. Much enthusiasm was displayed and a large turn out is desired for the meeting to be held on Feb. 26.

## Municipal Items

Following up the final demands of taxes, drastic action to recover all outstanding taxes will be taken by putting the law in motion to register all taxes against the property.

Council Monday night declined to take this step as the Bank has refused to countenance the increasing of the overdraft.

After some discussion on the peculiar position in which the Bank's unexpected stand placed the town, the following motion was moved by Coun. Travis seconded by Coun. Farnham: "That the secretary be authorized to make application to the Judge of the District court to set a date for a court of confirmation of tax arrears and that collector be authorized to search titles of property in arrears."

The effect of this will be that an extra two dollars come will be secured against each piece of property in arrears after the necessary steps have been taken, and the taxes are not paid within sixty days they will be registered against the property.

The Council dropped into a discussion of outside subdivisions again Monday night when a plan for a new subdivision which Messrs. W. A. Rydberg, McClellan, Brown, Housen, Peterson and Hooper are having registered was submitted to the Council by the Department at Edmonton. The property is known as legal subdivision 9 and 10 in section 16, and the

How many people know that there is to be voting on the water and sewer by-laws to confirm them by the next council meeting on Friday next? Very few. All are hereby notified: and further, that it is their duty to vote for them. The bonds are sold the contractors let and everything will go ahead when final ratification is given. It was just a substantial thing that required their re-submission. So Vote rationally.

about four hundred and forty yards almost due north of the town boundary. Being outside the town limits Council has no jurisdiction, but following a precise adopted Council were forwarded the plans for comment.

Mayor Pieren thought it opened up the problem of outside subdivisions, but Coun. Taylor pointed out it was only 40 yards from the town boundary and much closer in than many subdivided patches.

"With the development of this year," he said, "everything subdivisible in sight will be subdivided, this time next year."

The Mayor thought something should be done however to stop the selling of far outside subdivisions, but on the other hand the argument was maintained that it was in certain extent the fault of the people who bought before fully enquiring.

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## Feast of Light and Color. I.O.O.F. Ball Huge Success

Ballroom at Berkeley Hotel Was Gay and Animated Scene. Full Description of Charming Gowns.

A perfect feast of light and color, the third annual ball of the Bassano Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F., at the Berkeley Hotel on Friday night last proved the most prestigious function of its kind ever given in Bassano.

The ballroom was ablaze with color, the lights flashing on a hundred janglestone gowns and the artistic decorations. That the affair was a source of rare pleasure to all the guests was patent in the fact that only comments of high commendation for the excellence of the management were heard in all kinds.

In the intermission of a long, varied and well arranged programme a dainty supper was served in the private dining room. Music was supplied by the string orchestra composed of W. J. Gray, piano, W. Hamilton, violin, and W. Tunnell, drums.

The function was complete in every respect, and the committee responsible for the arrangements are to be heartily congratulated. The guests were received by W. Farnham, L. Owen, E. H. Blair, T. P. Davis and E. Skerrett and W. Murchison.

Among the many charming gowns noted were: Mrs. H. W. Pettit, old rose silk with overtones of black and gold lace, pearl ornaments.

Mrs. G. R. Boyd, pale blue with rich embroidered pattern overtones and cut steel trimmings, dark red roses.

Mrs. Frank Davis, pink brocade silk, pearl ornaments.

Mrs. Joseph Wright, gold satin with overtones.

Mrs. Hugh Brown, pale green tulle with lace trimmings.

Mrs. W. J. Robinson, pink silk with black lace overtones.

Mrs. H. Hays, cream white with pale yellow trimmings.

Mrs. Dr. Martin, grey satin draped in grey chiffon, pink roses.

Mrs. J. R. Hendry, Copenhagen blue corded silk with pale yellow trimmings.

Mrs. J. Johnston, cream tulle trim with black.

Mrs. Ida Shop, handsome grey silk gown.

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## Grain Thefts Arouse Widespread Interest

With Three Men Arrested and Two Confessions Secured, Developments are Promised.

## Health Board Organized Now

Will Tackle Problems of Public Health in Dead Earnest.

With a firm determination to make the town as clean and healthy as circumstances permit, the Health Board for 1913, the last session has ever seen, just at the Town Hall Thursday night last, organized and resolved on the adoption of the following sanitary measures.

To detail a satisfactory way with the garbage and refuse.

To recommend the Council to adopt an independent license for restaurants, so that infringement of the Health Act can be punished by the withdrawing of the license.

To discover from the Government the exact nature of meat inspection.

To have every incoming child to the Public School vaccinated unless there are good and sufficient reasons for an exception being made.

To meet the second Wednesday in every month, and to keep the organization fully up-to-date.

All members of the Board were present. Mayor Pieren in the chair. Coun. J. W. Shop, Rev. J. A. Claxton, Dr. J. W. Hays, and Medical Officer Dr. E. C. Harris. Mayor Pieren was appointed permanent chairman and Rev. J. A. Claxton, secretary.

With a copy of the Provincial Board of Health regulations, the board discussed them one individually, and decided upon enforcing such as would materially assist in cleaning up Bassano, and preparing sanitary conditions in the coming fall season.

One of the first questions discussed was that of meat inspection. The board considering the Health Act a little vague in details and decided to ask the Government for further enlightenment. The practice of allowing manure to stand about promiscuously without regard to the public health will be stopped. Only

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By the arrest of three men, James (alias), former manager of Tom's William's farm, M. P. Nelson, generally known as "Bill", Nelson and Frank Jones a local veterinarian also were committed to trial by Magistrate Dr. Hays, Saturday night, the police believe they have disrupted a highly organized gang of thieves who have made a practice of breaking into granaries around Bassano, and who had used arrangements to bring off a variety of odd crops.

Their little plans were spoiled however when they took Night Constable Marston into their confidence, but sorry by the belief that he might aid them materially.

While C. P. H. detective worked on the case in consequence of complaints that Bill Hays had into the village, the flitting of mailer from the yards here, Night Constable Marston, who with Corporal Johnson of the Mounted Police and Chief Officer of Bassano last been quietly investigating for some time warned him way into the confidence of the alleged thieves. They led him into their plans, as far as the taking of about 100 bushels of grain from the granaries of Gilbert and Lightfoot, part west of town was recovered, then the case is quieted, as far as the division of the police. This led to the rather premature arrest of the three constables, last an evidence was accumulating which it is feared might implicate others of the gang. Their arrest was upon the specific charge of stealing 100 bushels of grain from Gilbert and Lightfoot granaries, where there is still being very conclusive in this respect.

On the morning of January 18, it is said that they drove up to the local elevator and delivered a load of about ninety five bushels of grain for which the Basin Flour Milling Company paid them \$75, or 75 cents per bushel, which is regarded as a fair market price. Little suspect it would naturally be made, as the men were known locally as men managing a farm upon which that was grown and was in fact a well known fact.

It was declared that (alias) misrepresented the amount of this "theft" to his confederates and that they, for fear, which occasioned the premature arrest. Both (alias) and Nelson are alleged to have made incriminating confessions on their way to Calgary after removal by

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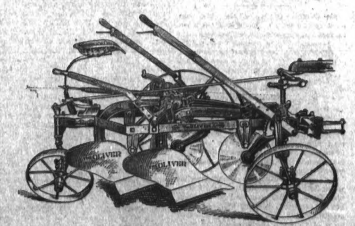
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The increase in the telephone department has been phenomenal, and a large amount of this increase has been made with the department under the direct supervision of Premier Sifton as minister of telephone.

The year just past has been the biggest construction year on record. During the year 2046 wire miles of long distance lines were constructed, being an increase of 60 per cent, while the rural line mileage was increased from 4293 miles to 5671 miles or an increase of 30 per cent. During the year 5338 new rural subscribers were added to the system, while 3540 exchange subscribers were added in the cities. There were also 15 new town exchanges constructed in 1912 and new central equipment installed in 30 others, 17 of which were either entirely replaced or considerably enlarged. At the close of the year 1912 there were in operation in the province of Alberta 6890 miles of toll lines and 5761 miles of rural lines, connecting 7420 rural subscribers and giving service to 14,000 exchange subscribers.

This is a remarkable showing, as when the government took over the telephone system there were only 1850 wire miles connecting 70 offices and now there are 6890 miles connecting 234 offices. All this extension has been paid for out of the revenue of the department, and there is a surplus of \$407,506 while the people of the province have, in addition, a plant that is now valued at \$2,738,258 which is paying for itself every day.

And the premier promises still further extensions. "We will increase and extend the system until every farmer and every resident of Alberta is accommodated with this utility which is as necessary as railroads," he said in dismissing this matter after giving out the above figures and added that an additional \$2,738,258 will be spent on this work this year.

## WINNINGTON

E. M. Henshaw, of Bassano is back to put in his duties for 1913, on the homestead.

After a two month's visit with friends and relatives in Saskatchewan, Mrs. Winnington and daughter returned home on Thursday.

Percy Bough, went to the coal mine last week.

George Cullen, who lost five horses last week that were stolen by the horse thief Vet for glanders has recently purchased several horses from Mr. Symonds.

This spring will see a tremendous development hereabouts. There will be an immense amount of new ground broken, many buildings erected, and miles of fencing put in. Here's to a successful spring.

A petition put up in the Winnington store backed by Bassano, for a bridge at Hutton has one less signature. It would hardly carry much weight to the Government.

At Mr. Porter's meeting was organized the Winnington Conservative Association. From reports the meeting was not entirely harmonious as a number wish doing and signified their intentions of forming a Canadian Ball Room party.

The finest winter on record is the consensus of opinion hereabouts. Alberta weather can't be improved on.

Miles Rice spent Saturday and Sunday at Dave Howell's residence.

George Hartman spent last week in Calgary on business.

This district is fine topped combined nearly every day by land smokers. There is hardly a vacant quarter. Well it's the best land in Alberta the Red Deer country.

Means McGree and Jessup of Bassano were here last week for a couple of days.

Winnington's Emporium is still a beekeeper's Hall as Mrs. Winnington has prolonged her stay in Saskatchewan.

Millie Fox had another try to brook last week in connection with his proving up. That made four trips and Mr. Fox says it is getting tedious, as he holds two scrips, a homestead and a preemption. It becomes a complicated matter.

Percy Bough took a trip to the coal mine last week.  
A man from Utah, a Mormon was here last week and took back to the land office several numbers to cancel. He has seven children but how many wives we aren't in position to say. Let them all come.

## Board of Health

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one lead can be avoided at one time and that has to be removed properly after May 1st.

Chief Clinch was also instructed to inspect thoroughly all jack yards and kitchen, of hotels restaurants and boarding houses to see if they are in a sanitary condition. In connection with this, Dr. Hagg introduced the question of licensing restaurants, suggesting a nominal fee of one dollar, the idea being to control the issuing license in case the Health Act was modified up to. Mr. Hagg characterized this as a good suggestion, and it is likely it will be introduced as legislation to the Council shortly.

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